

Please refer to your instructions prior to completing the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Recovery Act Local Plan.

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Section I - Agency Information

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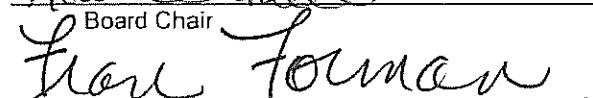
Section II - Certification

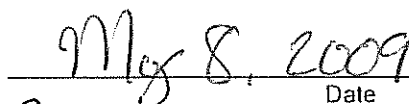
- 1 As a part of the efforts to ensure transparency and accountability, the Recovery Act requires Federal agencies and grantees to track and report separately on expenditures from funds made available through the stimulus bill. Please check to acknowledge that your agency is aware of this requirement and has the capacity to track CSBG Recovery Act program activities and expenditures separately from all other CSBG or other funding, including activities and expenditures carried out by delegate agencies and other service providers supported by subcontracts under Recovery Act funding.

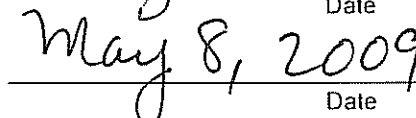


The undersigned hereby certify that this agency complies with the requirements of this CSBG Recovery Act Local Plan and the information in this plan is correct and authorized.


Board Chair


Executive Director


Date


Date

Section III - DUNS Number

Provide your agency's Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. If your agency has not registered, do so and provide the number below.

DUNS Number 09-838-7178

Section IV - CCR Number

Provide your agency's Central Contractor Registration (CCR) number. If your agency has not registered, do so and provide the number below.

CCR Number 4AJP9

Section V - Verification of Public Inspection

Provide verification of public inspection of your agency's CSBG Recovery Act Local Plan. Documentation of public inspection must also be provided, (i.e. copy of web page, e-mail blasts, etc.)

A) Describe how your agency made this Local Plan available for public inspection.

The local plan for the CSBG American Reinvestment & Recovery Act will be posted on the CAC web-site with regular updates. A copy of our web-page is the last page on the local plan.

Section VI - General Plans

For each question in this section, provide a comprehensive narrative of what plans you have made to date.

A) Provide a description of Recovery Act projects for purposes of creating and sustaining economic growth and employment opportunities. Include a description of targeted individuals and families; services and activities; and how the services and activities are tailored to the specific needs of the community.

CSBG funding will be targeted towards our low-income population most affected by the economic downturn. Many basic services have experienced cutbacks due to recent funding cuts from state, county and private sources. CAC of SB County will take a two pronged approach. We will develop a process to provide the majority of the Recovery Act funds to support the deteriorating "safety net" made up of non-profits serving the low-income community. Primary consideration will be given to organizations that have experienced a reduction in funding. Our second approach will be to directly operate a program which will focus on stabilization of at-risk youth and young adults with an emphasis on job readiness and job attainment. This is a population that we have developed an expertise in serving but is underserved due to recent cut backs and increased needs. We will focus our efforts on youth leaving foster care and/or involved in the juvenile justice system. Our goal will be to fully equip them for success as adults.

B) Provide a description of the service delivery system for Recovery Act projects for purposes of providing a wide range of innovative services and activities. Include a description of the geographical area served.

The geographic area is Santa Barbara County. There are over four hundred thousand residents (Census Bureau Estimates, 2007). Residents live in two geographically distinct regions of developed land, divided geographically in the middle of the County with rural agricultural lands to the north and the coastal plains to the south and a nearly equally sized population living in both halves. North County is anchored by Santa Maria and Lompoc and South County is anchored by Santa Barbara and Goleta. The service delivery system which is well established will include a consortium of county and non-profits that target services for low-income families and individuals.

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C) Describe how your agency will use Recovery Act funds to meet the short-term and long-term economic and employment needs of individuals, families and communities.

In the short-term our goal is to replace, to the extent funding is available, the loss of financial resources due to state, county and private funding cutbacks previously used to fund existing services. Our proposed job readiness and job attainment for at-risk youth program, outlined above, will provide employment opportunities within the community. Long-term we will encourage those organizations that we support to secure on-going funding sources within the community to sustain the services.

D) Provide a description of how linkages will be developed to fill identified gaps in services, through the provision of information, referrals, case management and follow up consultations.

Linkages are already well developed as Santa Barbara County has a progressive and well-integrated social service network. CAC of Santa Barbara County is fully involved in the network of services. The size of the County lends itself to frequent contact and close relationships with community partners. Community partnerships with CAC range from the most formal relationships such as contracts, memorandums of understandings, interagency agreements and advisory committees to participation in community meetings, networking activities and initiatives. CAC staff regularly participate in over thirty county-wide initiatives, projects and meetings. Although there is currently cross agency systems of information sharing, referrals and case management, it is our intent with the Recovery Act funds to fine tune these relationships in order for the low-income community to be fully supported.

E) Provide a description of how Recovery funds will be coordinated with other public and private resources, to avoid duplication and/or supplanting.

Since the Recovery Act was announced in February 2009, there has been dialogue and coordination between the County, CAC, private foundations and other non-profits. There are close and formal working relationship through existing contracts and projects targeting the low-income community. A CSBG Advisory Committee with representation from the County, a private foundation, CAC and other non-profits have been formed to oversee the process of identifying subcontractors that will provide safety net services with the CSBG Recovery Act funds. We have established a linkage with the local foundation and the County to ensure that we are not duplicating or supplanting existing funding.

F) Provide a description of how the funds will be used to support innovative community and neighborhood based initiatives related to the purposes of the Recovery Act, which promotes food, housing, health services and employment-related services and activities.

As part of the criteria developed for the allocation and distribution of CSBG Recovery Act funding, innovative community and neighborhood based initiatives which promote food, housing, health services and employment-related services and activities will be given a priority.

G) Provide a description of the community-needs assessment (which may be coordinated with community-needs assessments conducted for other programs).

CAC conducts an annual needs assessment to ascertain the status of the low-income community. The methods to gather information include customer surveys, interviews and public hearings. We also utilize various community studies, measures and initiatives to round out the information collected such as the UCSB Economic Forecast, Kid's Network Scorecard, Head Start Program Information Report, Free and Reduced School Lunch percentages, Workforce Investment Board information and County of Santa Barbara Public Health reports. This provides a comprehensive community needs assessment of the low-income community. The community assessment information that the agency gathers will be utilized to assess the effectiveness of the Recovery Act funds and the manner they were targeted to our specific community needs.

H) Provide a description of the service delivery system for benefit enrollment coordination activities for purposes of identifying and enrolling eligible individuals and families in Federal, State, and local benefit programs. Include a description of the geographical area served and a listing of sub-grantees provided the services and service areas.

The County of Santa Barbara is the area served. The County administers the local public benefit programs either by providing direct services or through partnership arrangements with community organizations. There is an existing referral system imbedded in the programs serving the low-income community to ensure that individuals eligible for these programs are referred for services, when appropriate.

J) Describe your education and outreach projects to advertise and market the Recovery Act services and outcomes.

CAC of Santa Barbara County will participate in the California-Nevada Community Action Partnership "Fulfilling the Promise" Education and Outreach Project to raise public awareness of the Recovery Act projects. This includes local press coverage, press releases and media training. We also have staff at CAC who are dedicated to marketing our programs and a strong established working relationship with the local media outlets.

Section VII - Energy Coordination

For each question in this section, provide a comprehensive narrative of what plans you have made to date.

A) Describe how your agency has/will establish a mutual referral service agreement with your local energy provider to ensure that clients receive services that support their progress towards achieving self-sufficiency.

CAC is the local energy provider in Santa Barbara County and a system of mutual referral already exists within the agency. We have fully integrated, internally our information, enrollment and eligibility procedures to ensure that our clients receive comprehensive information, referrals and services to support the goal of achieving self-sufficiency. For example, energy program information is provided to and distributed by our Head Start enrollment staff and family support staff on an on-going basis. We also coordinate our participation at community events to share a table/booth to distribute information. These arrangements are fully integrated into our existing operations.

B) Describe the activities your agency will conduct to actively coordinate with the local energy program in employment training and job placement of clients.

As CAC provides energy services to low-income families, an arrangement has been made internally to coordinate with the Energy program and the youth employment program to be funded by the Recovery Act. It is our intent to also work closely with the Workforce Investment Board funded programs and the local community colleges to coordinate employment training and the job placement of clients.

In this section, provide information on projects or activities that will be funded in part or totally by Recovery Act funds that will be administered by your agency. For each project or activity, include the following: title, cost, an estimate of the number of jobs created or retained, and a description of the project or activity.

A.1) Project/Activity #1

Title	CAC Youth Employment Readiness		
Cost	\$150,000		
Est. # of Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Created #	80	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retained # 4
Description	Program targeting at-risk youth involved in the juvenile justice system and/or are in foster care. This program will provide the training and actual job placement and coordinate with the CAC Energy Program.		

A.2) Project/Activity #2

Title	CAC CSBG Recovery Program		
Cost	\$700,000		
Est. # of Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Created #	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retained # 52
Description	The recently formed CSBG Advisory Committee with representation from the County of Santa Barbara will provide funding to "safety net" services recently cut and vital for low-income families well being. We anticipate having approximately 15 subcontractors with non-profits that provide services to low-income population. Although the sub-contractors are not identified, we anticipate them being identified by July 2009 at the beginning of the contract. This will depend upon the final designation received for Santa Barbara County. The types of subcontracts we will be seeking are listed under the subcontractors.		

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A.3) Project/Activity #3

Title

Cost

Est. # of Jobs ☐ Created # ☐ Retained #

Description

A.4) Project/Activity #4

Title

Cost

Est. # of Jobs ☐ Created # ☐ Retained #

Description

A.5) Project/Activity #5

Title

Cost

Est. # of Jobs ☐ Created # ☐ Retained #

Description

In this section, provide information on projects or activities that will be funded in part or totally by Recovery Act funds that will be carried out by a delegate agency or other service provider pursuant to a subcontract with Recovery Act funds. For each project or activity include the following: title, subcontractor name, cost, an estimate of the number of jobs created or retained, and a description of the project or activity.

B.1) Subcontractor Project/Activity #1

Title Family Strengthening Services

Subcontractor To be determined

Cost \$200,000

Est. # of Jobs ☐ Created # ☒ Retained # 12

Description

B.2) Subcontractor Project/Activity #2

Title Basic Self-Sufficiency Services

Subcontractor To be determined

Cost \$200,000

Est. # of Jobs ☐ Created # ☒ Retained # 15

Description

B.3) Subcontractor Project/Activity #3

Title Emergency and Health Services

Subcontractor To be determined

Cost \$200,000

Est. # of Jobs ☐ Created # ☒ Retained # 10

Description

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B.4) Subcontractor Project/Activity #4

Title	Nutrition Services		
Subcontractor	To be determined		
Cost	\$100,000		
Est. # of Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Created #	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retained #	15

Description

B.5) Subcontractor Project/Activity #5

Title			
Subcontractor			
Cost			
Est. # of Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Created #	<input type="checkbox"/> Retained #	

Description

B.6) If you specified any project/activity in B.1 – B.5, describe the process you will use to select the above subcontractor(s) to provide services funded in part or totally by the Recovery Act funds.

A special committee will be established for the purpose of assisting CAC in identifying community needs where, consistent with the intent and purpose of the Recovery Act, one-time funds provided by CSD may be distributed to local nonprofits to maintain and/or enhance services to the low-income population of Santa Barbara County. The committee will include representatives from Santa Barbara County Social Services Department, First Five, Pathpoint, Santa Barbara Food Bank and CAC.

Responsibilities of the committee shall include, but are not limited to, the following tasks:

- Establish criteria for determining and identifying successful projects.
- Establish procedures and time lines for receipt and review of proposals.
- Identify community organizations whose mission is consistent with established criteria and encourage application.
- Identify successful proposals and amount of specific allocations

In the section below list all projects or activities that will be funded in part or totally by Recovery Act funds, the applicable National Program Indicator (NPI) and a description of the project or activity.

C) Under the regular CSBG program, eligible entities use funds to provide services and activities addressing unemployment, education, better use of available income, housing nutrition, emergency services and/ or health to combat the central causes of poverty. Such services continue to be supportable under the CSBG Recovery Act. *In recognition of the intent of the Recovery Act, agencies are encouraged to support employment related services and activities that create and sustain economic growth.*

NPI	Project or Activity	Description
NPI 1.1	CAC Youth Employment Readiness	Transitional age at-risk youth in foster care and/or involved with juvenile justice systems will participate in a job readiness program. Coordination with the Workforce Investment Board, local schools and community colleges to maximize resources.
NPI 4.1	CSBG Recovery Project	A CSBG Advisory Committee has been formed to identify basic services that have experienced cutbacks due to recent funding cuts from state, county and private sources. We will develop a process to provide the majority of the Recovery Act funds to support the deteriorating "safety net" made up of non-profits serving the low-income community. Primary consideration will be given to organizations that have experienced a reduction in funding.

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NPI6.1	CSBG Recovery Project	Agencies providing resources for vulnerable individuals to maintain an independent living situation will be targeted.
NAPE 6.2	CSBG Recovery Project	Agencies providing emergency assistance to low-income individuals will be targeted.
NPI 6.3	CSBG Recovery Project	Agencies providing services to child and family development will be targeted.

D) Provide a description of planned infrastructure investments, the purpose, total cost and the rationale for funding the infrastructure investment with funds made available under the Recovery Act. (Capital Improvements are not allowable costs per P.L. 105-285 Sec. 678F)

There are no infrastructure investments.

E) Will your agency use a portion or all the Recovery Act funds for administrative costs? Check the appropriate box.

☒ Yes, our agency will use a PORTION of the Recovery Act funds for administrative costs.

☐ Yes, our agency will use ALL of the Recovery Act funds for administrative costs.

☐ No, our agency will NOT use any of the Recovery Act funds for administrative costs.

E.1) If you checked one of the "YES" boxes in E, explain how the funds allocated to administrative costs will be tracked to a measurable outcome.

The administrative costs (8.5%) are consistent with other grants administered by the agency.

Section IX - Required Disclosures

For each question in this section, disclose any unresolved findings and/or recommendations, or any legal proceedings.

A) List all non-CSD funded programs administered by the agency within the past three (3) years that have unresolved findings and/or recommendations or have been terminated as a result of deficiencies.

There are none.

B) List all legal proceedings the agency is currently involved in or has been in the past three (3) years. Include a brief description of the proceeding and the outcome. If the proceeding is currently, active provide the status.

There are none.

Section X - Barriers

For each question in this section, provide information on potential barriers to your agency's success.

A) Identify any barriers that your agency feels it may face in meeting the requirements of the Recovery Act (i.e., subcontracting, staffing, workforce development, compliance with reporting, performance).

We do not anticipate any barriers in meeting the requirements of the Recovery Act.

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